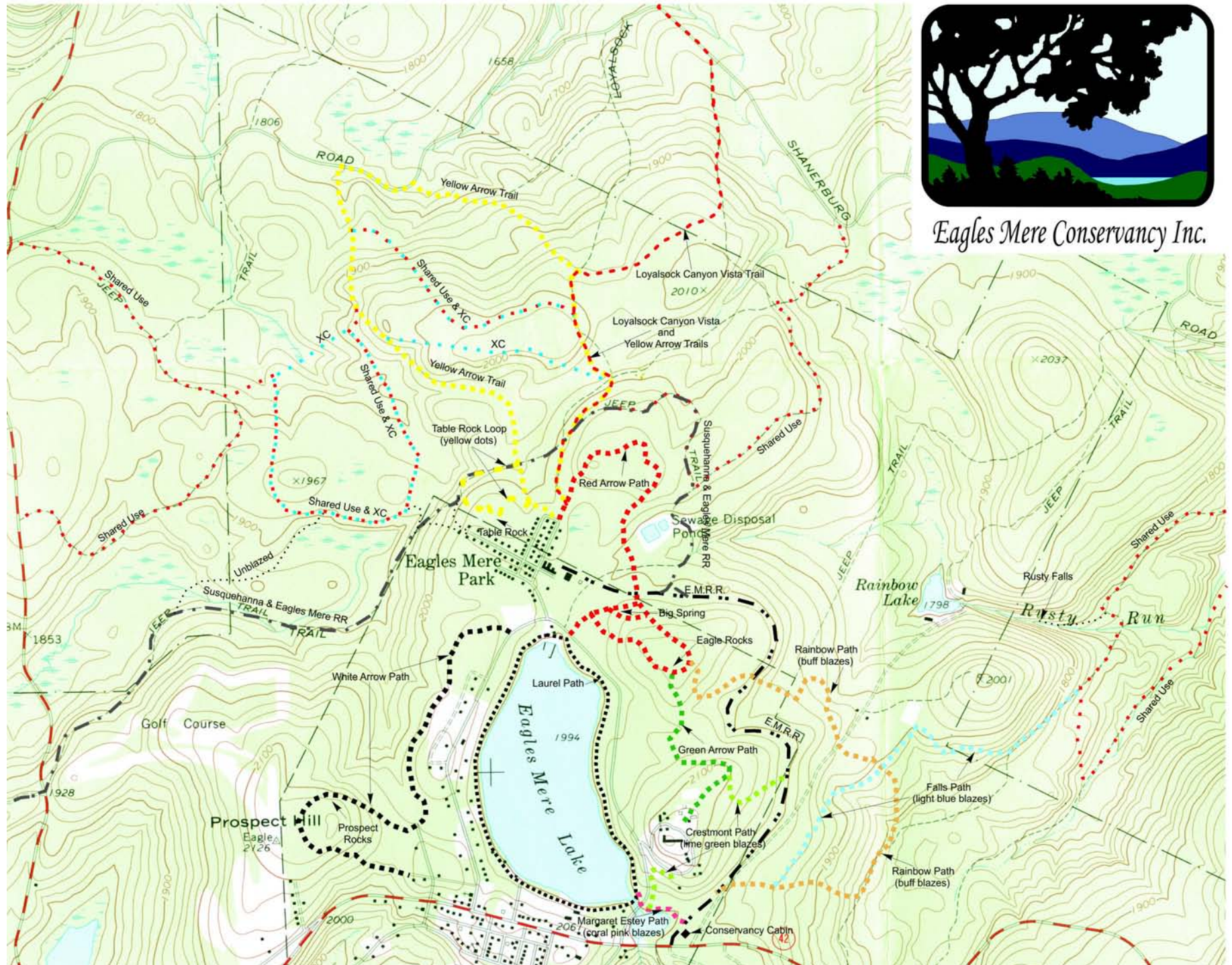




Eagles Mere Conservancy Inc.



Paths & Trails of the Eagles Mere Area

A truly great experience in Eagles Mere is walking the old trails and paths through the unspoiled forests and mountains. The Eagles Mere Conservancy, Inc. has published this information sheet to update old trail guides and to include new trails added by the Conservancy as well as other trails between Eagles Mere and Worlds End State Park. Some trails are not on public land, so no assertion can be made concerning legality or safety of passing over them. Most of the trails have paint blazes. A double blaze, one over the other, indicates you are at an intersection or point where an abrupt change of trail or direction may be required. Where signs are provided at trail junctions, visualize them pushed over and lying flat on the ground to determine trail directions. **No vehicles including snowmobiles, ATVs, four-wheel drives, or trail bicycles are permitted on any of the Eagles Mere Paths.** Do not camp or have open fires on Conservancy land. Please be considerate of your fellow nature lovers, and do not litter or disturb the environment.

Many hiking paths developed when the large hotels were opened remain pristine and untouched after almost a century. Most of these paths are in use today as well as several more contemporary paths. Some old historic Eagles Mere trails such as the Blue Arrow Path, Wenonah Trail, and Golden Arrow Trail are south of Route 42 on private land of the Eagles Mere Recreation Club. They are for private use and not included on this map.

The Laurel Path: (no blazes) approximately 2 miles. E. S. Chase opened this path for the Eagles Mere Land Co. in 1894-95. It encircles the lake & can be reached from any path leading to the lake.

Green Arrow Path: (green blazes) approximately 0.9 miles. Horace McFarland pioneered this path and C. Aubrey DeLong opened it for the Eagles Mere Forest Reserve Association in 1910. It goes from Eagle Rocks on the Red Arrow Path to the site of the Crestmont Inn and includes Sullivan View. The Crestmont Path (old Buff D) connects with Green Arrow Path at Sullivan View.

Red Arrow Path: (red blazes) approximately 1.3 miles. McFarland and DeLong made this trail in 1909. The Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail and Red Arrow Path begin at a small parking area at the north end of Mineral Springs Avenue in Eagles Mere Park. The Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail goes left. The Red Arrow Path goes straight, passes through the Rock Labyrinth and over Fern Rocks, continues to Big Spring, and ends at Lakewood Avenue. There are three alternate routes at the south end of this path: one passing north of Big Spring, one passing south of Big Spring, and one circling Eagle Rocks. The Rainbow Path (old Buff B) and Green Arrow Path connect with the Red Arrow Path near Eagle Rocks.

White Arrow Path: (white blazes) approximately 1.5 miles. McFarland and DeLong made this path during 1910-1912. It begins at sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue, left of the Athletic Field, and goes up to the end of Geyelin Avenue. Continuing straight past the end of Geyelin, the path passes Prospect Rocks and loops up to the golf course, then goes back downhill to end at Prospect Avenue.

Yellow Arrow Trail: (yellow blazes) approximately 3 miles. Probably established circa 1920-30. This trail begins on the north side of a gravel road connecting the north ends of Mineral Springs and Woodland Avenues in Eagles Mere Park. After crossing a drainage ditch, the **Table**

Rock loop trail departs to the left (it leads to Table Rock and then winds its way to the Susquehanna & EM RR grade where it turns right and returns to the main trail). The yellow arrow trail goes straight after the drainage ditch, crosses the RR grade, and continues on to Shanerburg Road. Turning right, the trail follows the road for about 0.3 mile. Then it leaves the road on the right and follows a woods road until it meets the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (red blazes). Going right at this junction will take you back to Eagles Mere on the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (red, blue & yellow blazes); going straight at this junction will take you to Loyalsock Canyon Vista.

The Margaret Estey Path: (coral pink blazes - previously Buff A) approximately 0.2 mile. This trail begins at the EM RR grade in front of the Conservancy Cabin, passes along the shore of the Outlet Pond, crosses Lakewood Avenue, and connects to the Laurel Path. Just before the Lakewood Avenue crossing, is the junction with the lower Crestmont Path (blazed lime green).

Rainbow Path: (buff blazes - previously Buff B) approximately 1.6 miles. This trail leaves the EM RR grade to the right just north of the Conservancy Cabin, goes east and crosses the private road to Rainbow Farms. At the junction with the Falls Path, it continues straight and then follows a small stream down hill, turns north and then proceeds uphill where it crosses the Falls Path. It continues uphill, re-crosses Rainbow Farms road and the Eagles Mere RR grade, and connects with the Red Arrow Path near Eagle Rocks.

Falls Path: (light blue blazes - previously Buff C) approximately 1 mile. This trail originates off the Rainbow path about 0.1 mile after it crosses Rainbow Farms Road. The Falls Path goes left from Rainbow Path. It runs along the edge of one of the Conservancy Woodland Restoration areas (deer Enclosures) and, after about 0.4 mile, crosses the other end of the Rainbow path and continues to a high boundary fence where the trail goes right for a short distance, swings to the right around a knoll, continues on a woods road in the Loyalsock State Forest, and then connects with one of the State Forest trails (red blazes). Continuing downhill on this trail you will cross Rusty Run and then a small, un-blazed trail to the left will take you up along the stream to Rusty Run Falls.

Crestmont Path: (lime green blazes - previously Buff D) approximately 0.5 mile. This trail leaves the EM RR grade to the left about 0.4 mile north of the Conservancy Cabin, passes Woodland Restoration plots on the left, and goes right and uphill to connect to the Green Arrow Path at Sullivan View. Continuing left on the Green Arrow takes you up to the Crestmont. Then walk Crestmont Drive to the left and downhill less than 0.25 mile. The lower Crestmont Path goes left off Crestmont Drive just beyond the last house on the left side of the road. It runs through a dell of huge old spruce trees then swings to the left, paralleling Lakeside Avenue, and connects to the Margaret Estey Path just before it crosses Lakeside Ave.

Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail: (red blazes) approximately 4 miles. The PA Dept of Forests and Waters pioneered and opened this trail in 1943. This trail begins at the north end of Mineral Springs Avenue in Eagles Mere Park. It departs left of the Red Arrow Path and descends a woods road to the Susquehanna & EM RR grade. After going right on the railroad grade for a short distance, the trail leaves the grade by going left

and following a woods road to the east end of the Yellow Arrow Trail. At this junction, the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail makes a sharp right and goes east and then north as it descends to Shanerburg Road. After going left on road for about 0.25 mile, the trail goes right on another woods road. The Loyalsock Trail joins the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail and both trails continue north for 1.33 miles to Loyalsock Canyon Vista. Several trail choices are available here and are shown on the Worlds End State Park map.

Railroads

The **Eagles Mere RR grade** is a trail without blazes. It is about 1.8 miles from Route 42 to Eagles Mere Park. This old railroad grade is the ONLY trail on Conservancy land on which bicycles are permitted. This narrow gauge railroad (1892-1928) originated at the Williamsport & North Branch RR at Sonestown. Senator Sones connected to the Eagles Mere end of this RR and extended it to the Susquehanna & New York RR at Masten. It was called the Susquehanna & Eagles Mere RR from 1906 to 1922. These railroads provided transportation to the hotels in Eagles Mere, hauled logs and lumber for Sonesville, a sawmill village that was located on Kettle Creek, and transported hides and leather for the tannery in Hillsgrove. Several railroad wyes, two near the Conservancy Cabin and one near Eagles Mere Park, allowed the trains to turn around. Many other old railroad grades can be found in the State Forest surrounding Eagles Mere. These were used for hauling logs to the sawmills and peeled hemlock bark to the tanneries.

Loyalsock Trail

Blazes of yellow plastic disks with red "LT" letters are followed for approximately 59 miles. Red X Trails (yellow can lids with a red letter "X") leave and rejoin the LT in several locations. The Alpine Club of Williamsport, PO Box 501, Williamsport, PA 17703 (www.lycoming.org/alpine), maintains this end-to-end trail and sells guides and patches.

Loyalsock State Forest Trails

There are maps of an extensive network of trails in Loyalsock State Forest available at their Resource Management Center, 6735 Rte 220, Dushore, PA 18614 (570-946-4049) (e-mail fd20@state.pa.us). New standardized rectangular painted blazes are as follows: Shared-Use (hike, bike, horse) – red, XC Skiing – blue, and hiking – yellow. Some trails may be blazed with more than one color. Trail heads are marked with permitted usages. White blazes identify State Forest Boundary lines.

Fern Rock Nature Trail: (rectangular yellow blaze with blue "FR" letters) ~2 miles. The trail head is at a parking area at the intersection of High Knob & World's End roads). A trail guide & numbered points of interest help you observe nature as you follow this circular trail.

Worlds End State Park Trails

Numerous interesting trails are available in the park. A map for these trails is available at the Worlds End State Park Office – www.visitPAparks.com (e-mail worldsendsp@state.pa.us).

Conservancy trails have been checked with GPS; however, all other Trail Locations are approximations.